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SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Did the Government receive any memorandum from 'the Pensioners' Association requesting the Government to enhance their pension in view of the conditions prevailing in our State, viz., rise in the cost of living?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: Yes, Sir. A memorandum has been received.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: What is the reaction of the Government? Are the Government going to consider their request favourably or simply reject it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: It has already been considered and rejected.

Yellow journals

* 151 Q.—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether the names of yellow journals containing obscene and scurrilous matter have been brought to the notice of the Government;

(b) whether any such foreign journals were brought to the notice of the Government; and

(c) if so, their names?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: (a) The attention of Government has been drawn to a number of journals, published in the State, which disseminate obscene and scurrilous matter.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) It is presumed that the member is referring to the journals published in the State. I do not know whether the hon. Member wants to give publicity to these journals. Any way, I shall give the names. The following are the journals containing obscene and scurrilous matter which have come to the notice of Government:—

- (1) Hindunesan.
- (2) Ragini.
- (3) Kalaithoothan.
- (4) Lakshmikanthan.
- (5) Kathal Kalai.
- (6) Chiranjeevi.
- (7) Kathal Kathai.
- (8) Dheeran.
- (9) Thirai Nesan.

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SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : காம உணர்ச்சியைத் தூண்டக்கூடிய “தினத்தந்தி” போன்ற பத்திரிகைகளை இதில் ஏன் சேர்க்கவில்லை என்று கேட்க விரும்புகிறேன்.

MR. SPEAKER : I am afraid, the hon. Member is dragging in other names unnecessarily. He is entitled to ask supplementaries about the names given and he cannot ask about a new paper here.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : அந்நிய நாட்டுப் பத்திரிகைகளான “French Frolics” போன்ற பத்திரிகைகள் இதில் சேர்க்கப்படாததற்குக் காரணம் என்ன?

MR. SPEAKER : அரசாங்கமே பார்க்காவிட்டாலும் நீங்கள் எல்லாவற்றையும் பார்த்திருக்கிறீர்கள்.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Is the Hon. Minister aware that the White Press in Madras has recommended strong action being taken against yellow journals.

MR. SPEAKER : Is the hon. Member giving that name or . . . ?

SRI A. A. RASHEED : I am giving that name.

MR. SPEAKER : I think there is no answer.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I am yet to know what that White Press is.

SRI T. SAMPATH : What action has been taken against such journals under the existing provisions?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Under the existing provisions, we can only prosecute them for specific articles or acts. Such action is being taken even now. But, as I have already stated once before, we are contemplating the amendment of the Indian Penal Code so that comprehensive action can be taken.

SRI V. K. KRISHNAMURTHY : தலைவர் அவர்களே, செய்திக்குத் தொடர்பில்லாத காம உணர்ச்சியைத் தலைப்பாகக் கொண்டு விளம்பரம் செய்யும் பத்திரிகைகள் மீது கூட நடவடிக்கை எடுக்கப்படுமா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : அந்த மாதிரி விளம்பரம் செய்யும் பத்திரிகைகளையும் கவனிக்க வேண்டியிருக்கிறது. அந்த மாதிரிப் பேசுகிறவர்களையும் கவனித்தாகவேண்டியிருக்கிறது.